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**ABSTRACT**

In an instrument of defence wherein a handle portion (18A, 18B) for a shaft portion (12A, 12B) has a free end and a cavity with a central axis and a mouth (20A, 20B) opening outwardly from the free end for the reception of a spray dispensing unit (26A, 26B) including a spray head mechanism (28A, 28B) with a depending fluid reservoir (26A, 26B), the cavity and reservoir having a mating configuration and extent and of a tolerance such that when aligned and under a press fit sufficient frictional gripping engagement is established therebetween so as to anchor same against separation when transported or in combat; and with the discharge orifice and opposed displaceable spring-biased operating lever (36A, 36B) of the spray head mechanism (28A, 28B) sufficiently exposed within the cavity mouth (20A, 20B) and at the ready for actuation of same on demand; and further, with the perimeter or edge formation (30A, 30B) of the cavity mouth (20A, 20B) suitably contoured to expose the discharge orifice on the one side and the displaceable spring-biased operating lever (36A, 36B) on the opposed side through a slot formation (32A, 32B) bordered or flanked by a ledge formation (34A, 34B) whereby under displacement of the lever (36A, 36B) within the slot formation fluid spray is dispensed from the discharge orifice and upon displacement of the lever (36A, 36B) out of the slot and in a direction to overlies the ledge formation (34A, 34B) wherein the spray dispensing unit is safely secured against accidental discharge.

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